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 TOPIC KVP in Gera

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1. On 1 May 1953, the KVP ordnance school stationed in Kirchhain-Dobrilugk which was the only school of its kind in East Germany moved to Gera. Major Amin was commanding officer of the school. Captain Lerche and Captain Otto who wore red-bordered black epaulets served as instructors. The ordnance and ammunition testing installation and the central weapons and equipment depot of the KVP were scheduled to be established in Kirchhain-Dobrilugk on 1 May. The two installations were planned to start their activities after a period of about two months.
2. In September 1953, students who had received a short term instruction since late 1952 were scheduled to pass examinations at the Gera ordnance school. In February 1953, the first automatic two-year course of instruction began while the second course of this kind was scheduled to start in September 1953. Students for this course were scheduled to pass camps at which they had to undergo aptitude tests conducted by the instructors of the school. Previous students detached from the elements of the various units had proved unqualified and included many students who had to be eliminated during the summer 1953.

25X1 Comment. The information confirms previous information on the planned transfer of the school to Gera. 25X1 The central KVP depot was previously located in a wooded area near Hennersdorf.

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